

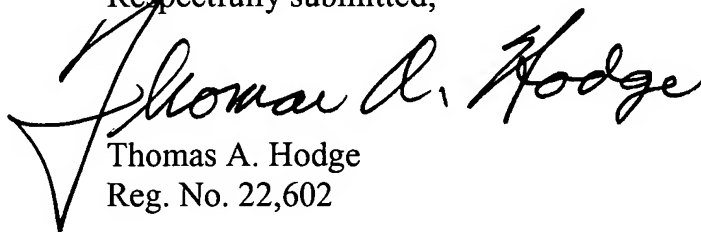
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the above claims and the following discussion.

In the November 24 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the proper status identifiers had not been provided for each claim (1-26) in the Amendment mailed September 29, 2006 and, therefore, that Amendment is non-compliant under 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

In response, the proper status identifiers are provided above for Claims 1-26.

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